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1. AMBASSADOR PASSED ON SAME INFORMATION GIVEN TO GARCIA BEDOYA LAST NIGHT (AUGUST 18) TO GENERAL VILLALOBOS FOR PRIME MINISTER MORALES BERMUDEZ THIS MORNING (AUGUST 19). VILLALOBOS SAID THAT MATTER WAS IN THE HANDS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY AND THAT DEMARCHES SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THEM (THIS EXPLAINS FAILURE TO SET UP APPOINTMENT BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND PRIME MINISTER OVER PAST TWO WEEKS). AMBASSADOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS BUT THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT PRIME MINISTER BE MADE AWARE OF DISAPPOINTING TURN OF EVENTS, THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF WHICH HAD BEEN DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY WITH VILLALOBOS AND MAIN POINTS OF CONVERSATION PRESENTED TO PRIME MINISTER IN WRITING THROUGH VILLALOBOS. THE GENERAL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE SITUATION AND AGREED TO PASS THE INFORMATION ON TO
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PRIME MINISTER.

2. WITH THIS FINAL DEMARCHE OUR CASE RESTS. WE FEEL
WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING WE CAN TO BRING THE FULL
DIMENSIONS OF THIS PROBLEM TO THE CABINET AND PRE-
SUMABLY PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL OF GOP AND THIER FINAL COURSE
OF ACTION WILL BE TAKEN WITH ALL ELEMENTS IN MIND.
UNLESS GOP REVERSES ITS POSITION OR NEW AVENUE OF
APPROACH OCCURS TO US (AND WE PERCEIVE NONE AT THIS
TIME), THE EMBASSY WILL REDUCE ITS ACTIVITIES ON MARCONA
MATTER LARGELY TO OBSERVATION AND REPORTING. WE ACCEPT
GOP APPROACH MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER AND AWAIT
DEVELOPMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON.
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